

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given per Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia and Section 802.03, 04 and 05 of the County of Rockbridge Land Development Regulations public hearings will be held by the Rockbridge County Planning Commission on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at or after 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room in the County Administrative Offices, 150 South Main Street, Lexington, Virginia 24450, followed by public hearings by the Board of Supervisors on Monday, July 27, 2020, at or after 6:00 p.m. at the same location to consider the following applications:

1. Richard/Denise Hevener and Wayne/Patricia Lemon, 785 Longhollow Road, Buena Vista, Virginia, applying to conditionally rezone .2 acres from Residential General District (R-1) to General Business District (B-1) for the use of the adjoining mobile homes and used auto sales lot per Section 605.02-15 and 40 of the Land Development Regulations. Property is located along the west side of Longhollow Road approximately .37 miles north of its intersection with Middle Road in the South River Magisterial District and further identified as Tax Map 77-13-1B2.

2. Wendy Orrison, 495 This Way, Natural Bridge Station, Virginia, applying for a special exception permit to develop a primitive campground in the Agricultural and General Uses District (A-2) per Section 603.03-15 of the Regulations. Properties owned by Russell and Laura Orrison, Charles and Karen Orrison, and Michael and Wendy Orrison are located off of Gilmer's Mill Lane along the James River approximately .7 miles east of its intersection with Shafer Lane in the Natural Bridge Magisterial District and further identified as Tax Maps 113-11-1/2/3.

Information on these applications is available in the Rockbridge County Office of Community Development, 150 South Main Street, Lexington, Virginia.

By: Sam Crickenberger
Director of Community Development

Fire, Rescue Groups Now Plan Merger

BY ED SMITH

Action on creating a Rockbridge Fire and Rescue Association was postponed at the June 22 meeting of the Board of Supervisors for a third straight month. But, the supervisors were informed that a merger of the two organizations that represent the Rockbridge area's fire and rescue departments has been endorsed by both groups.

The supervisors have been seeking the formation of a single entity to provide recommendations on funding and policies for the county's emergency services groups. Currently they get budget requests from three separate organizations – the Rockbridge Regional Fire and Rescue Commission, the Rockbridge County Firefighters Association and the Rockbridge Emergency Rescue Group.

The commission was formed by the supervisors and would be disbanded if a new organization is created. The other two organizations are independent of the county so their future would be up to their members.

Nathan Ramsey, the county's fire/rescue chief, was directed by the supervisors last year to meet with the different organizations to get their input on establishing a single entity. The proposal earlier this year to form the RFRA was the end result. The proposal called for each individual fire and rescue department to have a member on the association. However, the Rockbridge area has 11 fire departments and only four rescue squads so RERG objected on the grounds that its members would be underrepresented.

Those objections led to delays in the supervisors acting to approve the formation of the RFRA. In his latest report to the supervisors on June 22, Ramsey said the RCFA and RERG have both agreed to form a joint group. He said each organization wants to continue meeting separately and holding separate checking accounts until the new group is created and functioning. No timetable has been set for formation of the new organization.

Leslie Ayers, who with Bob Day comprise the supervisors' fire and rescue committee, sought to clarify a couple of points. First, she wanted to know if the new organization would be independent of the county, and second, if Ramsey would be a member of the group.

County Administrator Spencer Suter said the proposed new group would be a creation of the county and thus not independent of it. The consensus of the supervisors appeared to be to support having Ramsey serve on the group in at least an ex-officio capacity.

The supervisors also discussed whether RCFA and RERG would be subject to audits, as individual departments are, prior to a merger of the two organizations. The consensus was to at least have someone experienced in audits to examine the groups' financial records.

As for a timetable, the supervisors asked that the two organizations come up with a plan for a merger by the end of August so that it can be an agenda item at the supervisors' first meeting in September.

LEXINGTON CONNECTION

Maria E. McLellan Quillin, 463-3882 memquillin@centurylink.net

Our deepest condolences are extended to the family of Trigger Ricardo Wooldridge who passed away May 8, 2020, at his home in Savannah, Ga.

Sending belated birthday wishes to LeRoy Watts and Mark B. Daughtry.

Your local American Legion Post 291 will be Zooming their next meeting on July 16 at 7 p.m. If you are interested in joining or just want information about the American Legion, please contact me and I'll send you the link. You can reach me Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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With some exceptions, fall classes normally held on the DSLCC main campus in Clifton Forge or the DSLCC Rockbridge Regional Center in Buena Vista will be offered in an online setting until it is safe to return to campus. This applies to most classes that do not have hands-on components/competency requirements.

Students interested in registering for fall courses should call (540) 863-2820 to schedule an appointment with an adviser.

Rainone outlined the following actions being taken by DSLCC for the fall semester:

- The current class schedule will remain in place and all classes will meet beginning on Monday, Aug. 24, unless noted. Additional courses may be added to the schedule and begin in mid-September based on student demand.
- Students will enroll in courses that are "Zoom Online" to keep students connected to instructors and classmates and engaged in real-time discussion and learning. These sessions are delivered live via Zoom, at a set time, on specified days, and may switch to on-campus delivery, on the same schedule, when it is safe. "Online Anytime" classes give flexibility of learning, with no formal in-person or online meeting times.
- Classes that require face-to-face, hands-on experiences like welding, forestry, culinary, or clinicals, as well as

GOVERNMENT BRIEFS

Rockbridge

Campground Approved

A proposed campground with up to 200 sites on 37 acres on the former Stillwater Mills property just outside Goshen garnered zoning and special exception approval June 22 from the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors.

Will Harris is planning the campground which is in compliance with what's allowed on the property that has gone through the federal Brownfield environmental program. The land is in the 100-year floodplain of the Calfpasture River. Harris presented a revised evacuation plan that calls for evacuating all campers if the river reaches 11.5 feet of flood stage.

The land was rezoned from industrial general, I-1, to agricultural transitional, A-T. Harris said he plans to develop 100 campsites initially. He also has some railroad cabooses that he might put in as cabins, he said.

Also on June 22, the supervisors approved a special exception permit for a light manufacturing operation in a general business, B-1, district for Woodlore, a custom furniture manufacturer at 249 Sterrett Road near Fairfield.

The supervisors also approved a special exception permit for Shentel to put in a repeat station for a data center off of Bares Wood Lane, on the north side of U.S. 60, just east of the Interstate 81 interchange.

Reappointments

Tim Welsh was reappointed to the Rockbridge County Tourism Corridor Overlay Board and Tony McFadden was reappointed to the Rockbridge Area Department of Social Services Board.

classes offered through Workforce Solutions & Community Education, will be offered in a hybrid setting with required social distancing practices and appropriate protocols. "In short, our goal is to offer as much as we can in online and hybrid settings, and offer the hands-on courses in a responsible way that prioritizes the health and safety of our community," said Rainone. The lecture portion of these courses will be completed virtually.

- All courses, he said, will have a robust, quality Canvas (learning management system) online presence to support students.

- Beginning later this summer or in the early fall, the college plans to allow for some on-campus computer lab use by students with no, or limited, internet access based on acceptable social distancing requirements. The college library will also follow these same guidelines.
- All outside community events, activities and meetings are canceled through December 2020. Student activities will be delivered remotely via Canvas.

"As the health and safety of our campus community is our highest priority, we will continue to monitor the situation and keep our campus community informed," said Rainone.

For more information, visit the website at www.dslcc.edu.

Sanctuary Decisions

Falling Spring Presbyterian Church will remain closed for Sunday services until further notice.

Editor's note: This is another installment of what we are calling "Sanctuary Decisions," allowing area churches to update the community on their plans to either resume services inside their sanctuaries under the governor's guidelines or continue to have either virtual or drive-in services. Updates can be emailed to editor@thenews-gazette.com by Mondays at noon.



Cattle Report for June 5th through June 26th

Feeder Steers		Feeder Heifers	
300-400#	\$153.00-170.00	300-400#	\$119.00-147.00
400-500#	\$147.00-172.00	400-500#	\$120.00-142.50
500-600#	\$143.00-160.00	500-600#	\$117.00-132.50
600-700#	\$136.00-150.00	600-700#	\$114.00-126.00
700-800#	\$124.00-138.00	700-800#	\$104.00-115.00

Cows # 551.00-82.00 (mostly 60-70) Slaughter Bulls # 578.00-106.00 (mostly 93-101)
(does not include slow cows or heifers)

2015 - 11,507 HEAD SOLD
2016 - 13,364 HEAD SOLD
2017 - 16,616 HEAD SOLD
2018 - 17,292 HEAD SOLD
2019 - 20,896 HEAD SOLD

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Brandon Myers 304-667-2178, CALL ME

Rockbridge County Public Schools

Rockbridge County Public Schools is now recruiting for the 2020-2021 Virginia Preschool Initiative Program. This program is designed to provide a high-quality preschool environment for children who live in Rockbridge County and who will be 4 years old by Sept. 30, 2020. Open slots are available at Fairfield Elementary and Natural Bridge Elementary.

For more information please email preschool@rockbridge.k12.va.us or call 540-463-7386 Ext 248. Please leave a message so that we can return your call.

State eligibility criteria will be considered first to fill the available slots. Remaining slots may be filled with local criteria.

NOTICE

City of Lexington

Due to budget cuts, beginning Monday, July 6, 2020 the City of Lexington will no longer be collecting recyclable materials.

Your current recycling bin may be used as a trash container but please remember to bag all trash before placing it into the container.

Please contact the Public Works Department at (540) 463-3154 with any questions.

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If Virginia's State of Emergency Order (Executive Order 51) is lifted before July 28, 2020, a public meeting in accordance with 9 VAC 15-40-90D will be held on July 28, 2020, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the outdoor pavilion at the Ashley Plantation Country Club, 919 Greenfield Street, Daleville, VA 24083, in lieu of the telephonic public meeting. For updates regarding the meeting venue please visit www.rockyforgewind.com.

Any interested parties may also contact Rocky Forge Wind, LLC to ask questions or provide comments as follows:

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Obituaries

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WAYNE REYNOLDS

Lewis Wayne Reynolds was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. "Brother Bo," as he was known to his brother Robert Reynolds and his sister Joyce Wood, was born Sept. 27, 1940, in Lynchburg to Robert and Bernice Reynolds.

Wayne met the love of his life, Nellie Reynolds on July 4, 1969. They married the following year and remained married for 50 years until his passing.

He is survived by his beloved wife, his daughter Michelle Lamoureux (Dave Lamoureux) and his son Christopher Reynolds. He was a proud Papa to three grandkids, Zachary, Grant and Ella Lamoureux, whom he cherished deeply.

Wayne was a devout Christian and served as a deacon and elder of the Lauderdale A.R. Presbyterian Church. He worked as a draftsman and inspector for the highway department and later sold insurance for 20 years. His work colleagues named him "Moose," a nickname which followed him for many years. He had a love of vintage cars, Western novels and above all else, he loved his family.

Wayne Reynolds passed away on Father's Day, June 21, 2020. He will be missed by all.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, June 26, at Stonewall Jackson Cemetery with the Rev. Benjamin Dowling officiating.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Lauderdale A.R.P. Church, 300 South Main St., Lexington VA 24450. *N-G*

KATIE MASON

Katie Jenkins Mason, 89, of Natural Bridge Station passed away Wednesday, June 17, 2020, at the nursing home at Kendal.

Born Oct. 25, 1930, in Bedford County, she was the daughter of the late Elisha Lawrence Jenkins and Mamie Hensley Jenkins.

She was preceded in death by son, Roger Mason; brothers, John, Wyatt, Edward, Lloyd, Cecil and Lawrence; and sisters Dolly Edwards, Mildred Painter, Lelia Johnson and Bessie Austin.

Katie is survived by two daughters, Teresa Jennings (Richard) of Natural Bridge Station and Melody Purcell (Wesley) of Jacksonville, Fla.; three grandsons, Justin Watkins (Lindsey) of Salem, Andrew Watkins (Sarah) of Moneta and Lake Purcell of Jacksonville Fla., along with three precious little great-granddaughters; and one brother, Marvin Jenkins (Iva) of Natural Bridge Station.

Katie was a charter member of Faith Baptist Church in Natural Bridge Station from 1957 to 2020.

The funeral was conducted Monday, June 22, at Faith Baptist Church in Natural Bridge Station by Pastor Terry Bostic for family and extended family. Burial followed at Hills Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Baptist Church, P.O. Box 500, Natural Bridge Station, VA 24579 in loving memory of Katie Mason.

Arrangements were by Harrison Funeral Home & Crematory. *N-G*

BARBARA IVEY

Barbara Ann Twitty Ivey, 83, of Buena Vista, passed away Friday, June 19, 2020, at her home.

Born April 1, 1930, in Rockbridge County, she was the daughter of the late Ambrose and Cornelia Reid Twitty.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William Henry Ivey, and grandson, Brian Lewis Long Sr.

Surviving are four daughters, Alatha J. Long (Fred), Wilhelmina Jackson-Brown (Selvyn), Teresa A. Jones (James), Francine A. Atkinson and a son, Ronald Ulmer; five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; four sisters, Gloria Martin, Patricia Jackson, Sandra Braxton and Lauren Askew, and a brother, Michael Twitty.

A graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at Rockbridge Memorial Gardens by Pastor Danta Thompson.

Arrangements are being handled by Bolling, Grose, & Lotts Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

NANCY LEECH

Nancy Kay Spencer Leech, 88, of Lexington died Saturday, June 20, 2020, at Augusta Medical Center.

Born Sept. 23, 1931, in Lynchburg, she was a daughter of the late John Kilpen Spencer Jr. and Letitia Florence Womeldorf Spencer.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Don Ellsworth Leech; and siblings Buster, Kip, Sterling, Joe, Tommy, Jimmy, Martha, Wanda and June.

Nancy was a member of the Grace Presbyterian Church and retired from the Law Library at Washington and Lee University.

Surviving are her children, Stephanie Leech Ring, Candice Leech Snyder (David) and Mary Letitia Leech Howard; siblings Weisy S. Roberts and Alyce S. Harrison; and four grandchildren, Houston, Graham, Ann Kilpen and Noah.

A graveside service will be held at the Oxford Presbyterian Cemetery with the Rev. Paul Carter officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Grace Presbyterian Church, 40 Village Way, Lexington, VA 24450.

Arrangements are by Harrison Funeral Home & Crematory. *N-G*



SIDNEY KYGER SR.

Sidney Davis Kyger Sr., 69, husband of Vickie Kyger of Stuarts Draft, passed away Sunday, June 14, 2020, in Augusta Health in Fishersville.

Mr. Kyger was born in Staunton on July 27, 1950, a son of the late Lyle Harding and Audrey Ann (Davis) Kyger.

Sidney was a member of Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church and was owner and operator of R.L. Fauber Roofing. He was a member of the Brothers of the Iron and the Staunton Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 1635. Sidney enjoyed hunting, horseshoes, drinking beer, racing, and the Washington Redskins.

Surviving in addition to his wife of seven years are two sons, Chris Kyger and his wife Sheila of Steeles Tavern and Davey Kyger and his girlfriend Lindy Crowe of Rockbridge Baths; two daughters, Laura Hamilton and her husband Gary of London, Ohio, and Amy Davis and her husband Brian of Raphine; three stepdaughters, Crystal Moore and her husband Steven of Stuarts Draft, Alisha Earhart of Greenville, and Brandy Buchanan and her husband Chase of Greenville; a brother, Donald Keith Kyger of Raphine; eight grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

A memorial gathering was held Friday, June 19, at the residence. It is suggested those desiring make memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society, 2050 Langhorne Road, Suite 201, Lynchburg, VA 24501.

Coffman Funeral Home and Crematory, 230 Frontier Drive, Staunton, is in charge of his arrangements.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.coffmanfuneralhome.net. *N-G*

MARGARET COLEMAN

Margaret Lee Coleman, 86, of Buena Vista died Saturday, June 20, 2020, at her home.

She was born April 16, 1934, in Rockbridge County, a daughter of Ashby Clark and Lillian Sorrels Clark.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Larry Coleman; daughter, Sheila Coleman; and brothers Ed Clark, Jake Clark, Frank Clark and Lewis Clark.

Surviving are a son, Rex Coleman (Tammy); brother, Tom Clark; sisters Mary Smith (Bud), Francis Smith and Ruth Sorrells (Raymond); and two grandchildren, David Coleman and Hunter Staton.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, June 26, by Pastor Derryle Lafave.

Arrangements are by Bolling, Grose & Lotts Funeral Service. *N-G*



DARLENE SOURS

Darlene Chittum Sours, 68, of Fairfield went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, June 15, 2020.

She was born Jan. 12, 1952, in Rockbridge County. She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl J. Chittum and Ruth Moore Chittum, and brother Dexter Chittum.

Darlene was a homemaker who loved God, her family, teaching Sunday school, which she did for 35 years, cooking, and spending time with her grandchildren, especially her granddaughter Kaitlyn.

She is survived by her loving husband of 49 years, Roger Sours; sons Mark Sours and wife Paige, and Lee Sours and wife Rebekah; and daughter Beth Branham and husband John. She is also survived by her only grandson, Jacob Sours; granddaughters Kaitlyn Sours, Makayla

Sours, Leah Sours, Emmalee Sours, Jubilee Sours and Miranda Branham; numerous brothers and sisters; and her Marlbrook Baptist Church family.

A memorial service was conducted Saturday, June 20, at Marlbrook Baptist Church with Pastor John Tilley officiating. Burial followed at Fairfield Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Harrison Funeral Home & Crematory. *N-G*

ELSIE B. SEAMAN

Elsie Madeline (Byers) Seaman, 94, widow of Edwin Hall Seaman, of Raphine, died Monday, June 22, 2020, at her residence.

She was born Feb. 27, 1926, in Montebello, a daughter of the late Thomas Benjamin and Lucy (Hite) Byers.

A private graveside service will be held.

Henry Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

A full obituary will appear in the paper next week.

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and cigarette taxes. The supervisors have already raised the county's meals tax from 4 to 6 percent, which is equal to the rate in Buena Vista and Lexington, and have indicated they'll establish a cigarette tax of 40 cents a pack next year, on July 1, 2021, when that provision of the law takes effect. They are encouraging both cities, which already have this authority, to do the same.

Proceeds from the 3 percent hike to the lodging tax are to go into the county's general fund. The other 7 percent will continue to be divided as follows – the first 2 percent to the general fund, the next 3 percent to tourism and the other 2 percent toward the Virginia Horse Center's debt payments on a USDA loan.

County Attorney Vickie Huffman, who prepared the tax ordinances, said the admissions tax would apply to events in the county schools in which admissions fees are charged. She had indicated earlier that the tax would be waived for schools events but was told this was not the wish of the finance committee.

Dan Lyons said there were no objections from the schools to having to collect this tax. It was mentioned that the proceeds would be used for capital construction projects, including those for the schools.

In response to a question, Huffman said the tax would apply to admissions to Natural Bridge State Park but that the state would be under no obligation to collect the tax so it's unclear as to whether it will actually be collected.

Huffman did say that events at the horse center in which an admissions fee is charged would be subject to the tax.

In a letter read at the public hearing, Eric Sheffield of Hull's Drive-In raised objections to the nonprofit having to collect an admissions tax. To do so, he said, would run counter to the nonprofit's purpose, which is "to make affordable family entertainment available to all citizens of the Rockbridge area."

Most of the drive-in's patrons are county residents, Sheffield pointed out, and many are families who are struggling financially. He told the supervisors they "should recognize how fortunate they are to have this incredible resource [and do] whatever they can to assist its continued viability."

Supervisor Leslie Ayers expressed sympathy with Sheffield's sentiments, saying she worried about "unintended consequences" of the tax and whether any remedies would be available to the county.

Huffman said the supervisors would have the option of exempting all 501c3 nonprofit organizations from having to collect the tax.

Jay Lewis said this was an issue that the finance committee "agonized over" but concluded that there are an awful lot of nonprofit organizations and it would be unfair to single any of them out for preferential treatment.

The supervisors opted to not exempt any of the nonprofits. A motion by Ayers to establish the admissions tax, seconded by David McDaniel, passed 5-0.

McDaniel made the motion, seconded by Ayers, to increase the lodging tax that also passed by a 5-0 margin.

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Thank You!

Three cheers to our police in
Rockbridge County, Lexington, and Buena Vista!!!

What an extremely challenging job you have.

Many of us appreciate what you do. We pray for you
everyday. If there is anything we can do, let us know.

Keep your chin up ----- We need you!!

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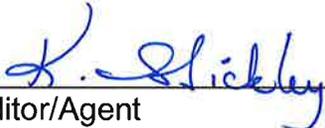
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County of Botetourt, SS:

I, **Kathleen Stickley**, one of the Editors or Agents of the **Fincastle Herald**, publisher of the **Main Street Marketplace**, a weekly newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Botetourt, State of Virginia, do certify that publication of the advertisement or advertisements **Public Notice**, attached hereto was made in **2 issue(s)** of the newspaper, dated **June 24th and July 1st, 2020**.

Given under my hand this **2nd Day of July 2020**.



Editor/Agent

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Stebbins

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Its director for many years was the late George Pollash, who told me it provided food, clothing, a gathering place for much needed information as well as some medical care.

Such help for aging and unemployed city folk seemed hardly relevant to those living in the small towns far west of the "big city" of Roanoke and the college towns of the New River Valley.

By 1979, the same year that First Presbyterian Church of Roanoke declined to accept a former Roman Catholic priest to serve on its staff, differences between the conservative coalfields area and the progressives in Roanoke were all too evident. Rejection of a new Book of Confessions by the conservative group angered those who liked the proposed changes.

This also was the era of women being approved for ordination as ministers, of

urging racial integration, of lack of support for the conflict in Vietnam.

The Raleigh Court and Second Presbyterian congregations tended to support social changes, but from the old Melrose church the conservative Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) grew; it now has worshippers both on Peters Creek Road and to the south on Electric Road.

About this time Presbyterians became strong supporters of Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM), a downtown day shelter for the homeless which offers many other needed services for the poor. Unlike the older Roanoke Rescue Mission, which has always followed a strongly evangelical Christian practice, RAM does not expect adherence to the person of Jesus. Non-Christians also are supporters.

From this denomination also grew the West

End Center for Youth in the scenic but depressed neighborhood around Twelfth Street Southwest. It was originally housed in part of the small West End Presbyterian Church and later moved to its own home where it still fills a great need in that part of the city.

In the 1950s, the era in which my late husband and I moved to Roanoke from Petersburg to work as reporters for the city's evening newspaper, three Presbyterian mission congregations were started to serve the growing suburbs.

A WW II-era congregation, Northminster, was already coming together on Williamson Road, long the northern entry to downtown. The three new ones were Covenant and Colonial for the Southwest/Cave Spring residents and Green Ridge beneath the ridge to the north.

Today, much has changed. The Rev. Russ Merritt, who entered ordained ministry from Covenant Church and served congregations elsewhere before returning to the area in retirement years, updated me on several nearby groups. Covenant, which serves the higher-income neighborhoods in the Windsor Hills edge of the Southwest City, has prospered on Deycerle Road. It's had several ministers, a historic tracker organ and leadership from the professional community in expanded buildings.

Colonial near Virginia Western Community College, has remained smaller, a middle-income group, its pastor once commented to me.

And today, Merritt serves part-time a combined Northminster and Green Ridge which, he told, me is making good progress in its merger. Living in the Hollins area for 30 years, I was familiar with Green Ridge for its family programs, but competition and other factors caused its decline.

Meanwhile, a new experimental worshiping community has been formed for southern Botetourt known as Wild Goose; its folk use a building of a Presbyterian group that failed to thrive. Its young

AWARDS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Baader on Dean's list

Cedarville University student Alex Baader of Blue Ridge, majoring in Allied Health, was named to the Dean's Honor List for Spring 2020. This recognition required Baader to maintain a 3.75 GPA and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Gibbs on Dean's List

Kailey Gibbs of Daleville was named to the Spring 2020 Dean's List at The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minn. Gibbs is majoring in Nursing.

Dean's List members have achieved a 3.75 grade point average or above on a 4.0 scale.

Hall on Dean's List

Rachel Sheridan Hall of Daleville has been named to the President's List at Clemson University for the Spring 2020 semester. Hall is majoring in Political Science.

To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a 4.0 (all A's) grade-point average.

Wood on Dean's List

William Wood is one of the 738 students who made the Dean's List for the 2020 spring semester at Shenandoah University in Winchester. Students must attain a grade point average of at least 3.50 to be recognized for the honor.

Wood, of Roanoke, is earning a degree in Business Administration.

Local students on JMU President's List

James Madison University announced that the following students made the President's List for the spring 2020 semester:

Katelyn Arney of Troutville, Clark Moeller of Troutville, William Coombe of Daleville, Hannah Nelms of Buchanan and Savannah Pugh of Blue Ridge.

Also, Haley Gillespie, Amber Palmieri, Kellie Haskins, Juliann Callaway, Madison McDaniel, Christopher Vandeberg, Aubree Smith, Abigail Griffin, Isiah Gheen and Grace Spangler, all of Roanoke.

Students who earn President's List honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.900 or above.

McLaughlin named to President's List

Tori McLaughlin of Roanoke was named to the President's List at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, S.C., for the Spring 2020 semester. She is a Sociology major

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PUBLIC NOTICE Rocky Forge Wind

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) authorized the use of the Small Renewable Energy Projects (Wind) Permit By Rule (PBR) for the Rocky Forge Wind project on March 2, 2017. The project is proposed to be located on private land in northeastern Botetourt County, Virginia. The project, with a cumulative total generating capacity not to exceed 80 MW, was originally authorized on approximately 200 acres on two privately-owned parcels totally approximately 7,355 acres. Rocky Forge Wind, LLC, the developer of the project, now proposes to modify the permitted project design to allow for minor realignment of certain roads and the substation, to reduce the maximum number of turbines from 25 to 22 and increase their maximum blade tip height from 550 feet to 680 feet, and to reduce the areal extent of the proposed disturbance area.

Rocky Forge Wind, LLC, invites the public to learn more about the modification request by visiting the project website (www.rockyforgewind.com), attending the public meeting, or contacting our team. Rocky Forge Wind, LLC seeks to (i) acquaint the public with the technical aspects of the proposed modifications and how the standards and requirements of PBR regulations will be met, (ii) identify issues of concern, (iii) facilitate communication, and (iv) establish a dialogue with persons who may be affected by the modifications.

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remote learning three days per week.

• Students will be scheduled for in-person learning on Monday and Thursday or Tuesday and Friday. Remote learning will occur on the other three days of a student's schedule.

• Students from the same home will be scheduled for in-person learning on the same days.

• Students may opt to participate in 100 percent remote learning.

• Face masks are optional at school while social distancing is maintained.

• Transportation will be provided for in-person learning at all Botetourt County Public Schools with one student per seat and required face masks. Students from the same household may be assigned to the same seat.

disinfected periodically.

The plan notes that student schedules may vary on the weeks of September 7 and November 2 due to schools being closed for Labor Day and Election Day. Additionally, remote learning has been scheduled for all students on November 23 and 24.

The following considerations were taken into account: students and maximized in-person learning level of risk, mitigation, meal service, transportation, common schedule for students in the same home, child care, employees, academic programs and services, and the division's 2020-2021 calendar.

"I think the plan that has been presented is reasonable. It is consistent with other divisions, not just in our region but throughout the Commonwealth. It gives an opportunity for our kids to get back in the building for

Phase Three programmatic recommendations and the health, safety, and social distancing recommendations from the state. It was developed based on information provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Virginia Department of Health, the Virginia Department of Education. The Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts communicable disease director consulted on the plan. Additionally, it was noted that information was obtained through the superintendent's advisory committees, which are comprised of parents, students, and staff, and a parent input survey that received 4,154 responses.

"Most families indicate they would prefer in-person and remote learning options," Massie said.

He later said that the

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leaders in a specific area known as a diocese or conference. Presbyteries, sometimes described as church courts, offer something of a middle ground between bishop-led and congregation-governed. Meetings to decide policies are held several times yearly. When, on the national level in the 1970s, the machinery of uniting the northern and southern divisions was being decided, the change could not go into effect until a certain number of the "courts" had voted affirmatively.

In the winter of 1983, at a meeting of the presbytery

covering most congregations in the Roanoke and New River Valleys, a small bit of history was made. I was present at downtown Roanoke's Second Presbyterian Church when lay and clergy commissioners voted Yes to the national union. It was the deciding vote needed, and cheers were heard.

Rewarding as that vote was, six years later one of my columns revealed the frustrations the re-alignment of boundaries throughout Western and Central Virginia caused. A headquarters office in Roanoke closed; it's long

been in Lynchburg. Quarterly regional meetings required longer drives, and the familiar leaders changed with a few black members joining their white neighbors on committees.

It's now more than 30 years into national union. The little Fifth Avenue Church in black Gainsboro, where Confederate general "Stonewall" Jackson was once honored because a slave he had taught in Lexington had been its founder, is rejecting that legacy now. History moves on.

Flooding

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On June 18, Botetourt County Fire and EMS responded to a call on Ball Park Road, Eagle Rock. Water rescue resources were utilized to access and remove an individual who was experiencing a medical emergency at a home isolated by high water from Craig Creek.



Coaling Road is pictured flooded last Wednesday.



Damage following flooding last Wednesday is pictured on Valley Road.

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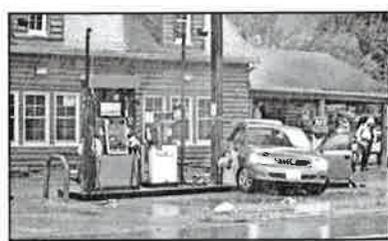
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To accommodate safe social distancing amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the following measures will be taken to allow public participation during this process.



According to the Virginia State Police, a crash involving a motor vehicle and two tractor trailers occurred at mile markers 160/161 on Interstate 81 last Wednesday at 1:18 p.m. One person was trapped inside a vehicle. The Virginia Department of Transportation set up a detour to route traffic to Route 11.



A Toyota sedan crashed into a fuel pump last Wednesday morning at a gas station in Fincastle on Route 220. When the crash occurred, the area was experiencing significant amounts of rain.

Update given on county recreation services

With the county in Phase 2 of the Forward

Virginia plan, Botetourt County Recreation and Facilities Department said that it is committed to remaining vigilant and taking precautions to prevent a resurgence of the coronavirus.

It announced that its parks and fields are open with a limited level of services. Field and

shelter rentals can be made by reaching out to the Recreation and Facilities Department at (540) 928-2130. During the Stay at Home order, people have been exploring outdoor recreation options for exercise opportunities more than ever. The department said that it is thrilled to be able to offer some of its park services.

however, visitors should use at their own risk and consider sanitizing before use. Unless otherwise noted, physical and social distancing guidelines as outlined in the current phase of the Forward Virginia Plan should be observed.

"As we get closer to August, our season will begin to take shape, and the provisions for youth sports in Phase 3 of the Forward Virginia plan may impact our programs. We are committed to providing a safe environment for our youth to resume play while engaging in healthy athletic competition," the department said in a press release. "We have worked hard in partnership with our Booster Clubs to bring

To help prevent the spread of the virus, the prices down for programs

PUBLIC NOTICE BOTETOURT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

The June 25, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, June 29, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. and will be held at Central Academy Middle School, located at 367 Poor Farm Road, Fincastle, with a physical quorum present and electronic access through Facebook Live.

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500-599: \$150.00
600-699: \$122.00-140.00
700-799: \$134.00
Graded Feeder Bulls
400-499: \$102.00
500-599: \$125.00-127.00